UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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Charles E. Hewitt,

: CASE NO. 1:11-CV-2682

Plaintiff,

:

vs. : OPINION & ORDER

[Resolving Doc. Nos. <u>1</u>, <u>19</u> & <u>21</u>]

Commissioner of Social Security,

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Defendant.

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JAMES S. GWIN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

Plaintiff Charles E. Hewitt challenges the final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security, denying Plaintiff's claim for disability insurance benefits and supplemental social security income. Specifically, Plaintiff Hewitt asserts five assignments of error: first, that the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") improperly evaluated the opinions of Hewitt's treating physicians; second, that the ALJ erred by failing to label certain impairments as severe; third, that the ALJ's residual functional capacity analysis lacks substantial support in the record; fourth, that the ALJ assigned improper weight to the medical opinions of non-treating physicians; and fifth, that the ALJ erred by failing to conduct a supplemental hearing after Hewitt had failed to attend an initial hearing. All erred by failing to conduct a supplemental hearing after Hewitt had failed to attend an initial

This matter was referred to Magistrate Judge McHargh pursuant to Local Rule 72.2. On November 16, 2012, Magistrate Judge McHargh recommended that the Commissioner's decision

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denying benefits be vacated and the case remanded to the Social Security Administration.<sup>3</sup>/

The Federal Magistrates Act requires a district court to conduct a de novo review only of

those portions of a Report and Recommendation to which the parties have made an objection.  $\frac{4}{3}$ 

Parties must file any objections to a Report and Recommendation within fourteen days of service. 5/

Failure to object within this time waives a party's right to appeal the district court's judgment. 6/

Absent objection, a district court may adopt the magistrate judge's report without review.<sup>7</sup>

In this case, neither party has objected to the Magistrate Judge's recommendation.<sup>8</sup>

Moreover, having conducted its own review of the record and the parties' briefs in this case, the

Court agrees with the conclusions of Magistrate Judge McHargh.

Accordingly, the Court ADOPTS in whole Magistrate Judge McHargh's Report and

Recommendation and incorporates it fully herein by reference, and VACATES the decision of the

Commissioner of Social Security and **REMANDS** for proceedings consistent with the Report and

Recommendation. The Court also **GRANTS** Plaintiff's motion to file a motion for attorneys' fees

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4/28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).

 $\frac{5}{1}$ *Id.*; Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(2).

<sup>6</sup>Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 145 (1985); United States v. Walters, 638 F.2d 947, 949-50 (6th Cir. 1981).

 $\frac{7}{5}$ See Thomas, 474 U.S. at 149.

 $\frac{8}{See}$  doc. 20 (indicating that the government would not file any response).

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within ninety days from the date of a favorable decision issued by the Social Security Administration upon remand. 

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 21, 2013

S/ James S. Gwin
JAMES S. GWIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{9}{2}$ Doc.  $\frac{21}{2}$ .